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<u>PROPOSED ACTION</u>	<u>DOCUMENT</u>	<u>DATE PREPARED (RECEIVED)</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>
<u>Department of Health and Environmental Sciences</u>			
Approval of license for Class III landfill and transfer station, West Yellowstone	PER	1-13-84 (1-17-84)	Comment due 1-27-84
Approval of application by Montana State Prison to obtain Class II landfill license	PER	1-10-84 (1-11-84)	No EIS recommended
Approval of Class III landfill license for Lewistown to permit burying of wood waste	PER	1-5-84 (1-9-84)	No EIS recommended
Permit modification to allow year-round discharge of pulp mill wastewater into Clark Fork River by Champion International, Frenchtown	Revised PER	1-23-84 (1-23-84)	Comments due 2-21-84
<u>Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks</u>			
Paving of entrance road and switchbacks in Makoshika State Park, Glendive	PER	1-17-84 (1-18-84)	No EIS recommended
<u>Department of State Lands</u>			
Revision of surface mining permit to allow Westmoreland Resources to realign mine pits	PER	1-6-84 (1-9-84)	No EIS recommended

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<u>Department of Highways</u>			
Resurfacing Highway 2 near Culbertson	PER	1-18-84 (1-20-84)	CE
Improving bike route in Billings	PER	1-18-84 (1-20-84)	CE
Widening and resurfacing FAP 6 in Sanders County	CE	1-13-84 (1-17-84)	
Rebuilding of Secondary 411 near Bozeman	NOI FHP	1-9-84 (1-10-84)	
Classification of minor highway construction activities as being categorical exclusions	CE	1-4-84 (1-9-84)	Approved by Federal Highway Administration
Replacement of 22 interstate weigh scales	PER	1-3-84 (1-6-84)	CE
<u>Department of Commerce</u>			
Use of CDBG to improve Vaughn water system, Cascade County	EA	1-10-84 (1-11-84)	Release of funds requested for 1-10-84
Use of CDBG for housing rehabilitation in Miles City	PER	1-18-84 (1-19-84)	Release of funds requested for 2-2-84
<u>Bonneville Power Administration</u>			
Implementation of vegetation management program for BPA transmission corridors	ROD	1-4-84 (1-16-84)	

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- 3) EA - Environmental assessment
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- 5) NOI/FHP - Notice of intent to develop a federal-aid highway project
- 6) PER - Preliminary environmental review
- 7) ROD - Record of decision. This document summarizes an agency's environmental review process, the decision on a proposed action, the reasons for the decision, and measures which will be applied to mitigate adverse environmental impacts.

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<u>Department of Health and Environmental Sciences</u>			
Issuance of license for motor vehicle wrecking facility south of Darby	PER	1-30-84 (2-4-84)	No EIS recommended
Lifting of sanitary restrictions for Phase I of Brookside condominium development along Rattlesnake Creek, Missoula	PER	2-6-84 (2-7-84)	No EIS recommended Comments due 2-21-84
Approval of sewer line construction to serve the west shore area of Polson	PER	2-6-84 (2-7-84)	No EIS recommended Comments due 2-21-84
Issuance of license for motor vehicle facility west of Browning	PER	1-24-84 (2-1-84)	No EIS recommended
<u>Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks</u>			
Renovation of Yellowstone River trout hatchery at Big Timber	PER	2-14-84 (2-14-84)	
Construction of roadway and parking areas within Kokanee Bend Fishing Access Site, near Columbia Falls	PER	2-10-84 (2-14-84)	
Construction of improved access roads to developed recreation sites at Tongue River Reservoir near Decker	PER	2-10-84 (2-14-84)	

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<u>Department of Commerce</u>			
Release of CDBG funds for housing rehabilitation	PER	2-2-84 (2-3-84)	Release of funds requested 2-14-84
Improvement of Milk River Weir through release of CDBG funding to Hill County	PER	1-24-84 (1-25-84)	Public hearing 2-22-84
<u>Department of Natural Resources and Conservation</u>			
Selection of projects to receive funding through Renewable Energy Grant and Loan Program	PER	2-1-84 (2-2-84)	Projects selected for funding on 2-14-84
<u>Department of Highways</u>			
Reconstruction of 12 miles of U.S. 12 near Avon	NOI/FHP	1-26-84 (1-30-84)	
Construction project on Kagy Boulevard, Bozeman	NOI/FHP	1-26-84 (1-30-84)	
Design exception for Highway 200 near Paradise	CE	1-27-84 (1-31-84)	
Improvement of U.S. 191, Gallatin Canyon	CE	1-27-84 (1-31-84)	
Improvement of Montana 200 near Plains	CE	1-27-84 (1-31-84)	
Reconstruction of Holmes Avenue, Butte	NOI/FHP	2-1-84 (2-3-84)	
Improvement of U.S. 2 east of Shelby	PER	2-2-84 (2-3-84)	CE
Improvement of Highway 35, east shore of Flathead Lake	CE	2-8-84 (2-14-84)	

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<u>Department of Highways continued:</u>			
Improvement of U.S. 93 northwest of Polson	CE	2-8-84 (2-14-84)	
<u>USDI Bureau of Land Management</u>			
Lease of 17 tracts, holding 2.6 billion tons of coal, in Powder River Basin of Montana and Wyoming	DEIS	1-26-84 (1-27-84)	Public hearing in Ashland, 3-7-84 Written comments due 3-27-84
<u>USDI Office of Surface Mining</u>			
Concurrence with eventual DSL decision on proposed Montco coal mine near Ashland	DEIS	2-8-84 (2-14-84)	Public hearing in Ashland, 3-20-84 Written comments due 4-9-84
<u>Interstate Commerce Commission</u>			
Construction of new rail yard and facilities southwest of Miles City, as part of proposed Tongue River project	Supplement to TRR DEIS	1-19-84 (1-30-84)	

KEY TO TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

- 1) DSL - Montana Department of State Lands
- 2) TRR - Tongue River Railroad
- 3) EIS - Environmental impact statement
- 4) DEIS - Draft environmental impact statement
- 5) PER - Preliminary environmental review
- 6) CDBG - Community Development Block Grant
- 7) CE - Categorical exclusion, a classification covering certain federal actions which have very minor environmental impacts and which therefore do not require environmental impact statements.
- 8) USDI - U.S. Department of Interior
- 9) NOI/FHP - Notice of intent to develop a federal-aid highway project

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<u>Department of Health and Environmental Sciences</u>			
Issuance of license for motor vehicle wrecking facility near Trout Creek	PER	2-14-84 (2-16-84)	No EIS recommended
Lifting of sanitary restrictions for 164-lot Daniels subdivision in Billings Heights, Yellowstone County	PER	2-14-84 (2-21-84)	No EIS recommended
Approval of Sebens NE sewer line to Story Hills subdivision and adjacent land, Bozeman	PER	2-22-84 (2-23-84)	No EIS recommended
Improvement of wastewater treatment system, Savage	PER	2-3-84 (2-22-84)	No EIS recommended
Issuance of a groundwater pollution control permit for cyanide leach recovery of precious metal at Sourdough Creek-Slaughterhouse Gulch near Elkhorn in Jefferson County	PER	3-9-84 (3-5-84)	Comments due 4-8-84
<u>Department of State Lands</u>			
Leasing of 94 tracts (36,600 acres) for oil and gas exploration and development	PER	(2-21-84)	Lease sale held 3-6-84
<u>Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks</u>			
Construction of new gravel roads and parking areas at Shady Lane Fishing Access Site, Kalispell	PER	3-2-84 (3-5-84)	No EIS recommended

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<u>Department of Highways</u>			
Highway improvement projects near Seeley Lake (Montana 83), Lewistown and Grass Range (Montana 200), Winifred, Kalispell (U.S. 93), Clearwater Junction (Montana 200), Belt, Hardin (Montana 47) and Miles City (Montana 22)	CE	(2-21-84 through 3-2-84)	
Highway improvement projects hear Eureka (U.S. 93) and in Bozeman (Oak and 19th Streets)	NOI FHP	(2-21-84 through 3-5-84)	
<u>U. S. Department of Agriculture - Soil Conservation Service</u>			
Implementation of irrigation improvements and watershed plan for 202,000 acres in lower Birch Creek drainage, Pondera County	EA	2-15-84 (2-21-84)	Comments due 4-2-84
<u>U. S. Department of Energy</u>			
Construction of 230kV power line from Great Falls to Conrad by the Western Area Power Administration	DEIS	(2-27-84)	Public hearings in Conrad (3-26) Choteau (3-27) and Great Falls (3-28) Written comments due 4-16-84: WAPA, P.O. Box EGY, Billings 59101
<u>U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management</u>			
Draft Resource Management Plan for 1,081,000 surface acres and 4,104,000 acres of federal minerals in the BLM Miles City District	DEIS	(3-5-84)	Comments due 6-7-84 Public hearing Ekalaka (4-10-84), Broadus (4-11-84) Miles City (4-12-84) Sheridan, WY (4-17-84) Colstrip (4-18-84)

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<u>Department of Health and Environmental Sciences</u>			
Licensing of Class III landfill for Gallatin Farmers Company near Belgrade	PER	3-8-84 (3-12-84)	
Licensing of container waste disposal system for Powell County	PER	3-8-84 (3-12-84)	
Approval of temporary emission permits for gravel crushers and asphalt plants associated with highway construction activities near Wolf Creek, Havre, Whitehall, Malta, Conrad and Garrison	PERS	March 1984	
Licensing of Class II landfill in Toole County	PER	3-23-84 (3-29-84)	
Approval of wastewater collection, treatment and disposal system for Cooke County	PER	4-5-84 (4-6-84)	
Issuance and/or renewal of 17 MPDES permits	PN	3-12-84 (3-8-84)	Comments due 4-12-84
Issuance of a license for a new motor vehicle wrecking facility near Philipsburg	PER	4-5-84 (4-9-84)	
<u>Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks</u>			
Introduction of spottail shiner as forage fish in Lake Elwell, Lake Frances, Fresno Reservoir and Nelson Reservoir	PER	(4-2-84)	

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<u>Department of Highways</u>			
Highway improvements near Twin Bridges (Highway 43), Bonner (Highway 200), Anaconda (US 10A), Great Falls (I-15), Ronan (US 93), Harlowton (US 12), Whitehall (Highway 69), Glasgow (Highway 24), Perma (Highway 200) and Lewistown (Secondary 426)	CEs	March 1984	
Highway reconstruction of US 93 near Fortine	NOI FHP	2-28-84 (3-9-84)	
<u>Department of Commerce</u>			
Use of CDBG funds for developing wastewater treatment projects at Joliet, Anaconda and Lewistown; a water well for Flaxville; a sewer project at North Harlem; and housing rehabilitation at Dodson	PERs	March 1984	FONSI
Use of CDBG funds for the Milk River Weir Improvement Project, Hill County	PER	3-22-84 (3-23-84)	FONSI
<u>Bureau of Land Management, USDI</u>			
Adoption of a program for land pattern review and land ownership adjustment for BLM lands in Montana and the Dakotas	Draft Policy	3-2-84 (3-27-84)	Comments due 4-10-84
Recommendation for no wilderness in 60,000-acre Bitter Creek WSA near Glasgow	DEIS	March 1984 (3-30-84)	Comments due 6-30-84 Hearings in Glasgow 5-15-84; Helena 5-17-84

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- 6) MPDES - Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
- 7) NOI/FHP - Notice of intent to develop a federal-aid highway project
- 8) PER - Preliminary environmental review
- 9) PN - Public Notice
- 10) USDI - U. S. Department of Interior
- 11) WSA - Wilderness Study Area

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Licensing of new motor vehicle wrecking facility near Whitehall	PER	4-9-84 (4-11-84)	
Licensing of new motor vehicle wrecking facility near Somers	PER	4-10-84 (4-11-84)	
Lifting sanitary restrictions for 95-lot North-hill Estates Subdivision near Laurel	PER	4-10-84 (4-11-84)	
Issuance of renewal of wastewater discharge permits for: two suction dredges at Hauser Lake; placer mining operations at Washington Cr. (Powell Co.), Elk Cr. (Meagher Co.) and Oregon Gulch (Lewis & Clark Co.); slough dewatering project near Kalispell; release of hydrotest water from 12 million gallon ammonia tank to Teton River near Collins; oil-producing facility in Toole Co.; "hardened" water from Transbas, Inc., to Yellowstone River near Billings; mine effluent near Twin Bridges; municipal wastewater discharge permits from Boulder, Ekalaka, Harlowtown, Laurel, Manhattan, Poplar, Sheridan, Colstrip and Hillbrook Nursing Home (Clancy); and runoff from Anaconda Co. Great Falls refinery	NOI/ MPDES 20 PERS	4-13-84 (4-12-84)	No EISs recommended

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<u>Department of Health and Environmental Sciences Continued:</u>			
Issuance of modified permit for year-round wastewater discharge by Champion International into Clark Fork River at Frenchtown	PER (final)	4-10-84 (4-13-84)	Modified permit issued; EIS will be done within 2 years
Approval of temporary emission permits for gravel crushers and asphalt associated with statewide highway construction activities.	12 PERS	April-May 1984	
Issuance of groundwater pollution control permit to WAPA for disposal of cooling water at power converter station, Custer County	NOI/GPCP PER	5-4-84 (5-3-84)	Comments due June 4
<u>Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks</u>			
Construction of roadways, parking areas and boat accesses at Bean Lake	PER	4-16-84 (4-17-84)	
Improvements to Creston Springs Hatchery near Big Fork	PER	4-12-84 (4-13-84)	
<u>Department of State Lands</u>			
Renewal of permit for operation of Storm King's Divide Coal Mine in Bull Mountains near Roundup	PER	4-17-84 (4-18-84)	
Issuance of permit for suction dredging of Missouri River bed between Canyon Ferry and Hauser dams	PER	4-18-84 (4-19-84)	
Revision of mine plan for Knife River Coal Co.'s Savage Mine near Sidney	PER	4-17-84 (4-17-84)	

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<u>Department of Agriculture</u>			
Restricting sales and use of endrin in Montana	FEIS	3-19-84 (3-20-84)	
<u>Department of Highways</u>			
Widening Missouri River Bridge on U.S. 287 near Townsend	CE	4-10-84 (4-16-84)	
Improvement to East Side Highway near Hamilton	CE	4-12-84 (4-20-84)	
Widening U.S. 93 to four lanes near Evaro	Revised PER	4-23-84 (4-26-84)	Revises initial proposal to meet fishery concerns
Improvements to Harrison Avenue in Butte	NOI/FHP	4-25-84 (4-27-84)	
Improvements to Mont. 35 and 82 near Big Fork	CE	4-20-84 (4-26-84)	
Improvements to Green Meadow Drive near Helena	NOI/FHP	(5-4-84)	
Revision of departmental project review procedures	DRAFT	4-26-84 (4-27-84)	Comments due 5-21-84
Exempt certain minor highway safety improvement projects from environmental review	PCE	5-3-84 (5-7-84)	
<u>Department of Commerce</u>			
Use of CDBG funds for new sewer system at North Harlem	PER	4-13-84 (4-13-84)	

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<u>Department of Commerce Continued:</u>			
Use of CDBG funds for 1,000' deep water well for Flaxville	PER	4-17-84 (4-18-84)	
<u>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</u>			
C. M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge land management plan	Revised DEIS	(4-10-84)	Comments due 6-10-84

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- 7) NOI/GPCP - Notice of intent to issue Groundwater Pollution Control Permit
- 8) NOI/MPDES - Notice of intent to issue Montana Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit
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- 10) PCE - Programmatic categorical exclusion
- 11) WAPA - Western Area Power Administration

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Issuance of wastewater discharge permits to: two placer mining operations on Cedar Creek (Mineral Co.) and one on Moose Creek (Meagher Co.); an oil producing facility in Yellowstone Co.; an abandoned mine reclamation project in Powder River Co., and a condominium drain discharge in Whitefish.	6 PERS	5-14-84 (5-14-84)	Comments due 6-14-84
Issuance of temporary emission permits for gravel crushers and asphalt plants associated with state-wide highway construction activities.	3 PERS	April-May (5-14-84)	
Licensing of Class II landfill in Ryegate.	PER	5-14-84 (5-16-84)	
<u>Department of State Lands</u>			
Federal-state land exchange of 2,600 acres of rangeland in Sage Creek area near Lima, Beaverhead Co. (Joint DSL-BLM document)	DRAFT EA/PER	5-4-84 (5-9-84)	Comments due 6-6-84
Federal-state land exchange of 1,700 acres of forest land in Swan Valley and west of Flathead Lake (Joint DSL-USFS document).	EA/PER	5-7-84 (5-7-84)	FONSI
<u>Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks</u>			
Road and boat ramp improvements at Camp Baker fishing access site on Smith River	PER	5-8-84 (5-10-84)	

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<u>Department of Highways</u>			
Construction of 4½-mile arterial connector between Harrison-Elizabeth Warren Ave. interchange and 4-Mile Vue - I-90 interchange.	EA	5-9-84 (5-11-84)	
<u>Soil Conservation Service, USDA</u>			
Implementation of agricultural water management and irrigation plan for Lower Birch Creek watershed, Pondera County.	Notice of FONSI	5-9-84 (5-14-84)	

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PER - Preliminary environmental review

USDA - U. S. Department of Agriculture

USFS - U. S. Forest Service

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<u>Department of Health and Environmental Sciences</u>			
Issuance of temporary emission permits for gravel crushers and asphalt plants associated with statewide highway construction activities	30 PERs	May-June	
Issuance of temporary emission permit for tank truck at existing tank farm near Glendive	PER	4-26-84 (6-1-84)	
<u>Department of State Lands</u>			
Issuance of operating permit to Golden Maple Mining for gold mine and cyanide heap leach processing facility near Gilt Edge	PER	5-30-84 (5-31-84)	No EIS recommended
Approval of revised coal strip mine plan to allow Westmoreland Resources to mine an additional 629 acres at the Absaloka Mine, Big Horn County	DEIS	5-30-84	Comments due 7-30-84
Issuance of operating permit to Coca Mines for silver mine and processing facility, Flathead County	PER	6-11-84 (6-11-84)	Comments due 6-26-84 No EIS recommended

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<u>Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks</u>			
Improvements to Captain Clark FAS on Yellowstone River, Yellowstone County	PER	6-14-84 (6-15-84)	
Adoption of management and development plan for Les Mason Recreation Area, Whitefish Lake	PER	5-21-84 (5-29-84)	Comments due 7-7-84
<u>Department of Highways</u>			
Approval of Helena-West project to widen 6.5 miles of US 12 from two to four lanes, west of Helena	FEIS	(6-13-84)	Comments due 7-23-84
Construction of new highway bridge on US 93 over Bitterroot River at Hannon Memorial FAS near Darby	PER	(5-31-84)	Comments due 7-15-84
Highway improvements south of Rudyard; US 93 in Whitefish; Fisher River Bridge in Lincoln County; US 191 north of Big Timber; west of Box Elder; MT 200 east of Perma; and in various locations in Billings	CE	May-June 1984	
<u>Department of Commerce</u>			
Use of CDBG funds for housing rehabilitation project in Thompson Falls	PER	5-17-84 (5-25-84)	
Use of CDBG funds for Lewistown Wastewater Treatment Plant	EA	6-4-84 (6-4-84)	
<u>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</u>			
Improvement (\$6 million) of wastewater collection and treatment facility at Great Falls	EA	5-24-84 (5-29-84)	FONSI

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<u>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Continued:</u>			
Construction of \$3 million wastewater treatment facility at Lakeside	EA	5-24-84 (5-29-84)	FONSI
<u>Bureau of Land Management, USDI</u>			
Wilderness suitability report for Humbug Spires, Silver Bow County	FEIS	(5-29-84)	9,000 acres recommended for wilderness designation
<u>Fish and Wildlife Service, USDI</u>			
C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge land management plan	DEIS	(4-10-84)	Comment deadline extended to 8-15-84

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<u>PROPOSED ACTION</u>	<u>DOCUMENT</u>	<u>DATE PREPARED (RECEIVED)</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>
<u>Department of Health and Environmental Sciences</u>			
Issuance or renewal of wastewater discharge permits for: placer mining operations on Big Camas Creek (Meagher Co.), Sauerkraut Cr. (Lewis & Clark Co), Carpenter Cr. (Powell Co.), Cedar Cr. (Mineral Co.), and Grasshopper Cr. (Beaverhead Co.); mine shaft pumping (Granite Co.); talc mine pit dewatering near Alder; Hathaway Coal Mine (Custer Co.); Knife River Coal Mine near Savage; Watseca Mine adit near Twin Bridges; and Black Eagle, Hauser, Holter, Madison, Rainbow, Ryan and Thompson Falls dams.	17 PERS	7-6-84 (7-5-84)	Comments due 8-6-84
Issuance of temporary emission permits for gravel crushers and asphalt plants associated with statewide highway construction activities.	8 PERS	(7-6-84)	
Implementation of plans for closure of hazardous waste management facilities for creosote at Burlington Northern tie plants at Paradise and Somers.	PN	7-6-84 (7-10-84)	
Lifting of sanitary restrictions for 160-acre Madison Addition to the town of West Yellowstone The addition would support 862 housing units.	PER	7-12-84 (7-17-84)	Comments due 7-27-84

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<u>Department of State Lands</u>			
Approval of mine permit application by Montco for major coal strip mine along Tongue River, Rosebud Co.	FEIS	7-9-84 (7-9-84)	
Approval of Area A expansion for Western Energy Rosebud Mine at Colstrip.	PER	7-13-84 (7-17-84)	Comments due 7-31-84
<u>Department of Highways</u>			
Four-lane reconstruction on 2.1 miles of Reserve St. from US 93 to Third St. in Missoula.	DEIS	6-18-84 (6-27-84)	Comments due 8-19-84
Highway improvements on US 2 south of Libby and east of Kalispell.	2 CEs	6-27-84 (6-29-84)	
Reconstruction of 24th St. W. in Billings.	PER	7-3-84 (7-9-84)	CE
Development of highway project to relocate US 89 from slide area south of Livingston and to upgrade FAS 228 south of Fort Benton.	LOI	7-5-84 (7-10-84)	
Improvements to Montana Highways 251 and 344, Roosevelt and Daniels Counties.	PER	7-13-84 (7-18-84)	CE
<u>Office of Surface Mining, USDI</u>			
Concurrence with Montana's decision on the permit application submitted by Montco for the coal strip mine along the Tongue River.	FEIS	(7-9-84)	
<u>Interstate Commerce Commission</u>			
Abandonment of railroad line between Silver Bow and Butte	EA	6-21-84 (6-25-84)	

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<u>Department of Health and Environmental Sciences</u>			
Issuance of temporary emission permits for gravel crushers and asphalt plants associated with statewide highway construction activities.	15 PERS	July-August	
Licensing of new motor vehicle wrecking facility near Ronan.	PER	7-23-84 (7-24-84)	
Licensing of new sanitary landfill near Red Lodge.	PER	(7-25-84)	
Issuance of wastewater discharge permits for all fish farms in Montana.	PER	7-27-84 (7-26-84)	Comments due 8-27-84
Issuance of permit for continued operation of storage facility at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls.	PER	8-7-84 (8-9-84)	Comments due 9-21-84 Hearing 9-11-84 in Great Falls
Proposed revisions to air quality rules (informational update).	IPN	8-1-84 (8-9-84)	Public comments requested
Issuance of air quality permit to Triad Investments for gold and silver surface mine, Fergus Co.	PER	8-9-84	
Issuance of groundwater pollution control permits to ARCO Aluminum in Columbia Falls and to separate cyanide leach operations for precious metals recovery near Radersburg and for Goldsil Mining & Milling near Marysville.	PN/MGPCS	8-10-84 (8-10-84)	Comments due 9-9-84

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<u>Department of Health and Environmental Sciences Continued:</u>			
Issuance or renewal of wastewater discharge permits for: suction dredge along Cedar Creek, Mineral Co.; placer mining on Elk Creek, Powell and Granite Cos.; placer mining on Dyce Creek, Beaverhead Co.; oil-producing facility, Toole Co.; geothermal test well near Warm Spring Creek, Madison; Conrad's wastewater treatment facility into Dry Fork of the Marias River; and for Hinsdale's wastewater treatment facility to Milk River.	PN/MPDES	8-10-84 (8-10-84)	Comments due 9-9-84
Issuance of permit for wood-fired boiler for ethanol plant, Manhattan.	PER	8-14-84	
Upgrading of open dump to sanitary landfill in Jordan.	PER	8-16-84 (8-17-84)	Comments due 8-31-84
Licensing of new auto wrecking facility in Fort Benton.	PER	8-20-84 (8-21-84)	Comments due 9-4-84
<u>Department of State Lands</u>			
Issuance of mining permit to Triad Investments to construct and operate 117-acre open-pit gold mine and heap leach facility near Hilger in the North Moccasin Mountains, Fergus Co.	PER	8-9-84 (8-9-84)	Comments due 8-24-84 No EIS proposed
<u>Department of Natural Resources and Conservation</u>			
Adoption of federal draft and final EIS on proposed Great Falls to Conrad 230-kv transmission line.	PN with DEIS summary	8-7-84 (8-8-84)	Comments due 9-6-84

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<u>Department of Highways</u>			
Improvements to Montana 200 near Sun River and near Rogers Pass; 10th Ave. So. in Great Falls; Montana Highway 258 in Sheridan Co; U.S. 87 in Cascade Co.; and Montana Secondary 247 near Baker.	6 PERS	July-August	CE
Development of highway project on FAS 228 near Highwood.	NOI/FHP	8-14-84 (8-14-84)	
<u>U. S. Environmental Protection Agency</u>			
Issuance of wastewater discharge permit from oil field tank battery near St. Xavier	PN/NPDES	7-26-84 (7-30-84)	Comments due 8-26-84
Cost sharing to improve wastewater treatment facilities in Whitefish (\$1.3 million), Kalispell (\$1.5 million), and Antelope (\$0.2 million). Whitefish and Kalispell facilities will institute phosphorus removal to protect water quality in Flathead Lake.	3 FONSI's	July-August	
<u>Bureau of Land Management (USDI)</u>			
Wilderness management plan for Bear Trap Canyon Wilderness Area.	DEIS	(7-19-84)	Comments due 8-31-84
<u>U. S. Department of Energy</u>			
Construction of 230-kv transmission line from Great Falls to Conrad.	FEIS	7-20-84 (7-23-84)	
BPA's expanded residential weatherization program	FEIS	8-7-84 (8-13-84)	

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<u>Department of Health and Environmental Sciences</u>			
Issuance of temporary emission permits for gravel crushers and asphalt plants associated with statewide highway construction activities.	14 PERs	Sept.-Oct.	
Issuance of air quality permit for roof cover on Exxon refinery tank, Billings.	PER	9-27-84 (10-1-84)	
Licensing of new motor vehicle wrecking facility near Moore.	PER	8-24-84 (8-28-84)	STATE DOCUMENTS COLLECTION
Establishment of Class II landfill, Malta.	PER	9-17-84 (9-20-84)	OCT 16 1984
Licensing of new motor vehicle wrecking facility near Roundup.	PER	9-24-84 (10-1-84)	MONTANA STATE LIBRARY 1515 E. 6th AVE. HELENA, MONTANA 59620
Issuance or renewal of wastewater discharge permits for: wastewater treatment facilities serving Canyon Ferry, Libby, Fort Peck and Hungry Horse Dams; placer mining on Bivens Cr., Madison Co.; gravel pit north of Hamilton; wastewater treatment facilities at Bigfork, Winnett and Wibaux.	PN/MPDES	9-21-84 (9-20-84)	
<u>Department of Natural Resources and Conservation</u>			
Adoption of new rules for the Major Facility Siting Act.	PR	9-19-84 (9-19-84)	Public hearings 10-9 at Helena and Billings Comments due 10-19

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<u>Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks</u>			
Adoption of management plan for Les Mason Park, Whitefish Lake.	AFP	8-20-84 (8-27-84)	
<u>Department of Commerce</u>			
Use of CDBG to install a water system in Ingomar.	PER	9-11-84 (9-13-84)	
Use of CDBG to develop sewage collection and lagoon system, Power.	FONSI	8-27-84 (8-28-84)	
Hard-rock mining impact plan for Homestake Mine near Jardine, Park Co.		(9-28-84)	
<u>Department of Highways</u>			
Development of highway projects in Yellowstone Co. at secondary 416, U.S. 87, Duck Cr. Road, Montana 3, and at the East Bridge, Billings. Additional project developments at FAS 338 Blaine Co. and Yellowstone River Bridge near Grey Cliff, Sweet Gasss County.	NOI/FHP	Sept.-Oct.	
Improvements to Jackrabbit Lane (Bozeman); FAS 424 (Flathead Co.); U.S. 87 (Cascade Co.); and Montana 200 near Ovando.	CE	Sept.-Oct.	
<u>Federal Energy Regulatory Commission</u>			
Relicensing of Kerr Dam, Lake County.	EA	8-24-84 (8-31-84)	
<u>USDI - Bureau of Land Management</u>			
Rangeland program summary, Billings Resource Area.		September (9-24-84)	Supplement to final Resource Management Plan

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<u>USDI - Bureau of Land Management continued:</u>			
Resource Management plan, Billings Resource Area.	ROD	(10-3-84)	
Herd management area plan for Pryor Mountains Wild Horse Range, Carbon and Bighorn Co.		(10-1-84)	

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<u>Department of Health and Environmental Sciences</u>			
Establishment of Class III landfill near Red Lodge.	PER	10-4-84 (10-9-84)	
Issuance of groundwater quality permit for cyanide-leach operation for precious metal recovery, Ramshorn Creek near Alder, Madison Co.	PN/MGWPCS PER	10-12-84 (10-12-84)	Comments due 11-9-84
Issuance of temporary emission permit for asphalt plant for highway construction, Flathead Co.	PER	10-18-84 (10-23-84)	
Issuance or renewal of wastewater discharge permit for placer mining on Grasshopper Cr. (Beaverhead Co.) and Keno Cr. (Powell Co.); suction dredge for four creeks in Silver Bow Co.; aquifer pump testing by Coca Mines, Inc. with discharge to Sullivan Cr. (Flathead Co.) and by Evergreen Estates with discharge to Whitefish River; gypsum mining near East Fork of Big Spring Creek (Fergus Co.); oil-producing facility (Petroleum Co.); municipal wastewater discharge for City of Three Forks into Madison River, City of Columbia Falls into Flathead River, City of Whitefish into Whitefish River, and UM Yellow Bay Biological Station into Flathead Lake.	PN/MPDES	10-26-84 (10-24-84)	Comments due 11-23-84 Columbia Falls permit is modification to limit phosphorus discharge to Flathead Lake.
Licensing of new motor vehicle wrecking facility west of Missoula.	PER	10-25-84 (11-1-84)	

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<u>Department of State Lands</u>			
Issuance of permit to CENEX Corp. to drill exploratory oil and gas well in Coal Creek State Forest, Flathead Co.	PER (90 pp.)	10-25-84 (10-26-84)	Comments due 11-26-84
Issuance of lease for suction dredge mining operation for gems on state-owned Missouri River bed between York Bridge and Hauser Dam.	PER	10-29-84 (10-30-84)	
<u>Department of Highways</u>			
Highway improvements to Mt. Secondary 245, near Brusett; 1st Ave. in Laurel; and five locations in the Billings district.	PER	October	CE
<u>Bonneville Power Administration</u>			
Development of a Long Term Intertie Access Policy for electricity transmission from Pacific Northwest to California through BPA grid.	NOI/EIS	10-15-84 (10-18-84)	Scoping meetings: Portland, OR (11-7-84) San Fran., CA (11-14-84)
Construction of 230-kV Great Falls to Conrad transmission line.	ROD	10-25-84 (10-31-84)	
Expansion of residential weatherization program	ROD	10-5-84 (10-11-84)	

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<u>Department of Health and Environmental Sciences</u>			
Issuance of temporary emission permits for gravel crushers associated with statewide highway construction activities.	5 PERS	November	
Licensing of 40 cu. yd. container site for solid waste, 1 mile north of Custer.	PER	11-16-84 (11-21-84)	
<u>Department of State Lands</u>			
Issuance of permit to CENEX Corp. to drill exploratory oil and gas well in Coal Creek State Forest, Flathead Co.	PER (90 pp.)	10-25-85 (10-26-84)	Comment period extended until 12-11-84
<u>Department of Natural Resources and Conservation</u>			
Issuance of construction permit to Montana Power Co. for Central Montana Project, a 100-kV transmission line from Judith Gap to Glengarry.	DEIS	11-8-84 (11-8-84)	Comments due 12-7-84
<u>Department of Highways</u>			
Improvements to Montana 16 south of Culbertson; and Sargent Ave. and Allard St. in Glendive.	PER	November	CE

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<u>Department of Highways Continued:</u>			
Development of highway project on East River Road six miles south of Livingston.	NOI/FHP	11-19-84 (11-20-84)	
Final route selection for new Highway 93 bridge over Bitterroot River at Hannon FAS south of Darby.	Final 4(f) Statement	(11-26-84)	

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<u>Department of Health and Environmental Sciences</u>			
Issuance of temporary emission permit for crusher used in highway construction, Sheridan Co.	PER	11-9-84 (12-3-84)	
Modification of municipal wastewater discharge permits for: Silver Bow Sewer District; Missoula; Kalispell; Havre; Great Falls; Bozeman; Billings; and Livingston.	PN/MPDES	12-7-84 (12-5-84)	Comments due 1-4-85
Issuance or renewal of wastewater discharge permits for: mineral exploration adits near Neihart and Pony; Kaiser Cement Co., Montana City; Liquid Air Co., East Helena; Rahr Meat Service, Glendive; Shell Western oil-well injection water, Fallon Co.; treated wastewater from sedimentation ponds Rosebud Mine, Colstrip, and Absaloka Mine near Hardin; and wastewater treatment lagoons from Valier, Vaughn and Whitehall.	PN/MPDES	12-17-84 (12-13-84)	Comments due 1-16-85
Licensing of the Scratch Gravel Class II sanitary landfill two miles north of Helena.	PER	12-12-84 (12-17-84)	
Issuance of groundwater quality permit for flotation milling operation for precious metals near Pony.	PN/MGWPCS	12-21-84 (12-19-84)	Comments due 1-18-85
Issuance of permit for retention pond for coal ash to Holly Sugar Co., Sidney.	PER	11-27-84 (12-19-84)	
Issuance of permit for 100,000 barrel crude oil storage tank near Richey.	PER	(12-24-84)	

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<u>Department of State Lands</u>			
Issuance of permit to Westmoreland Resources to expand Absaloka Mine, Big Horn Co.	FEIS	Dec. 1984 (12-19-84)	
<u>Department of Highways</u>			
Highway improvements to U.S. 10A near Hall.	CE	11-26-84 (11-29-84)	
Installation of flashing beacons at entrance to Main Mall, Bozeman.	CE	12-5-84 (12-10-84)	
<u>USDI Bureau of Land Management</u>			
Adoption of Powder River Area Resource Management Plan, Miles City District.	FEIS	Dec. 1984 (12-11-84)	Protest period ends 1-15-84.
<u>Interstate Commerce Commission</u>			
Abandonment of BN Railroad spur between Gerber and Lavin, Cascade Co.	EA	12-3-84 (12-6-84)	

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